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SUBJECT: ENVIRONMENTAL AGREEMENT: SECOND MEETING OF
WORKING GROUP VIII (02.08-10)

1. REQUEST AMCONSUL LENINGRAD PASS FOLLOWING LETTER FROM
DR. EDWARD S. EPSTEIN, US COCHAIRMAN WORKING GROUP VIII TO
DR. BORISENKOV, SOVIET COCHAIRMAN WORKING GROUP VIII, WITH
COPY TO PROFESSOR M.I. BUDYKO. REQUEST EMBASSY PASS COPY
TO ACADEMICIAN IZRAEL AND COPY TO DR. KAZAKOV, BOTH OF
HYDROMET.

2. QUOTE AUGUST 30, 1976 DEAR DR. BORISENKOV: THE US
NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES, LEARNING OF THE PLANNED
SECOND JOINT MEETING OF WORKING GROUP VIII AT PRINCETON
IN OCTOBER, HAS INVITED PROFESSOR BUDYKO TO PARTICIPATE IN
AN INFORMAL ONE-DAY SESSION TO DISCUSS INTERPRETATION OF
CURRENT INFORMATION ON CLIMATIC TRENDS. THE US SIDE
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STRONGLY FAVORS THIS PROPOSAL AND URGES FAVORABLE CONSIDER-

ATION BY THE SOVIET SIDE SINCE SUCH A MEETING WILL BRING TOGETHER SOME OF THE WORLD'S LEADING EXPERTS ON CLIMATE VARIABILITY.

3. A COPY OF MY LETTER TO PROFESSOR BUDYKO FORWARDING THE INVITATION IS ENCLOSED FOR YOUR INFORMATION.

4. AS THIS TOPIC IS OF SUCH GREAT IMPORTANCE TO WORKING GROUP VIII, I WOULD BE PLEASED TO WORK WITH OUR NATIONAL ACADEMY TO ARRANGE FOR THE PROPOSED DISCUSSION TO BE INCORPORATED AS PART OF OUR PROGRAM FOR THE OCTOBER MEETING. I WOULD LIKE YOUR OPINION ON THIS MATTER AT YOUR EARLIEST CONVENIENCE.

5. WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO A MOST SUCCESSFUL MEETING IN OCTOBER. I BELIEVE THAT WORKING GROUP VIII HAS MADE MUCH PROGRESS DUE IN LARGE MEASURE TO THE EXCELLENT FIRST JOINT MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP IN 1974 IN WHICH ALL THREE PROJECT LEADERS TOGETHER WITH THEIR RESPECTIVE COLLEAGUES OUTLINED A MOST PRODUCTIVE COOPERATIVE PROGRAM. THE GROWING CONCERN OF CLIMATE VARIABILITY INDICATES THAT OUR WORK HAS ONLY JUST BEGUN. I THEREFORE WOULD HOPE THAT THE FORTHCOMING PRINCETON MEETING WILL ONCE AGAIN BRING TOGETHER ALL THE UNITED STATES AND SOVIET PROJECT LEADERS AND PRODUCE A COOPERATIVE PROGRAM THAT WILL FURTHER THE CAPABILITY OF BOTH OUR COUNTRIES TO COPE WITH THE GROWING PROBLEM OF CLIMATE CHANGE.

6. ALTHOUGH I HAVE NOT YET RECEIVED THE TEXT OF THE MESSAGE, I AM INFORMED THAT THE SOVIET SIDE PROPOSES TO SEND THE FOLLOWING DELEGATES TO THE OCTOBER MEETING: DR. BORISENKOV, DR. ZUYEV, PROFESSOR KONDRATYEV, DR. SERGIN, DR. VELICHKO, DR. KAROL, AND DR. GROMOVA. WE ARE MOST PLEASED TO RECEIVE THE NEWS SINCE IT INDICATES A SPEEDY RECOVERY FROM YOUR RECENT ILLNESS. I WOULD HOPE THAT ANY ADDITIONAL MEMBERS TO THE DELEGATION WILL INCLUDE PROFESSOR BUDYKO AND PROFESSOR MUSTEL. I WOULD APPRECIATE AN EARLY CONFIRMATION OF THE SOVIET DELEGATION IN ORDER TO MAKE FINAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR HOUSING AND TRAVEL ACCOMMODATIONS. WITH BEST REGARDS. EDWARD S. UNCLASSIFIED

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7. ENCLOSURE: LETTER FROM DR. EPSTEIN TO PROFESSOR BUDYKO. AIRMAIL. AUGUST 25, 1976, PROFESSOR M.I. BUDYKO STATE HYDROLOGICAL INSTITUTE VASILIEV ISLAND, 2 LIN, 23, LENINGRAD, USSR
DEAR PROFESSOR BUDYKO: ENCLOSED IS A COPY OF A LETTER IN WHICH PROFESSOR GEORGE S. BENTON, CHAIRMAN,

COMMITTEE ON ATMOSPHERIC SCIENCES, HAS INVITED YOU TO PARTICIPATE IN AN INFORMAL ONE-DAY DISCUSSION ON THE INTERPRETATION OF CURRENT INFORMATION ON CLIMATIC TRENDS. THIS INVITATION FOLLOWS FROM MY EFFORTS IN RESPONSE TO OUR DISCUSSIONS IN LENINGRAD CONCERNING YOUR PREDICTION OF THE TREND OF CLIMATE. I ASSUME THAT AS THE SOVIET SIDE LEADER OF PROJECT VIII-1, YOU WILL BE ATTENDING THE SECOND JOINT MEETING OF WORKING GROUP VIII AT PRINCETON.

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I THEREFORE WOULD HOPE THAT YOU WILL GIVE THIS INVITATION YOUR MOST FAVORABLE CONSIDERATION. AS YOU ARE AWARE, THIS TOPIC IS OF GROWING WORLD CONCERN AND ONE THAT IS WORTHY OF THE FULLEST DISCUSSION AMONG OUR EXPERTS. WITH BEST REGARDS. EDWARD S. EPSTEIN. ENCLOSURE

8. ENCLOSURE: LETTER FROM PROFESSOR BENTON TO PROFESSOR BUDYKO. AUGUST 25, 1976. PROFESSOR M.I. BUDYKO, STATE HYDROLOGICAL INSTITUTE, VASILIEV ISLAND, 2 LIN, 23, LENINGRAD, USSR. DEAR PROFESSOR BUDYKO: IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING THAT YOU MAY BE VISITING THE UNITED STATES DURING THE FIRST TWO WEEKS OF OCTOBER 1976, TO ATTEND THE SECOND JOINT MEETING OF WORKING GROUP EIGHT UNDER THE US/USSR AGREEMENT ON PROTECTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT.

9. ON BEHALF OF THE COMMITTEE ON ATMOSPHERIC SCIENCES OF THE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES, I WOULD LIKE TO INVITE YOU TO PARTICIPATE IN AN INFORMAL ONE-DAY DISCUSSION ON THE INTERPRETATION OF CURRENT INFORMATION ON CLIMATIC TRENDS, WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO THE RECENTLY DOCUMENTED EVIDENCE OF CLIMATIC WARMING. THE SESSION, TO WHICH WE WOULD ALSO INVITE LEADING SPECIALISTS IN CLIMATIC

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VARIABILITY FROM THE UNITED STATES, COULD BE ARRANGED AT A MUTUALLY CONVENIENT TIME AND PLACE. ONE POSSIBILITY MIGHT BE ON OCTOBER 9, IN WASHINGTON.

10. IF YOU WILL, INDEED, BE ATTENDING THE MEETING OF WORKING GROUP EIGHT, AND IF THE IDEA OF SUCH A MEETING APPEALS TO YOU, I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR LETTING ME KNOW AT YOUR EARLIEST CONVENIENCE SO THAT APPROPRIATE ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE.

11. WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO THE POSSIBILITY OF SEEING YOU IN THE UNITED STATES, AND TO THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXCHANGE VIEWS ON THIS MOST SIGNIFICANT SCIENTIFIC TOPIC. WITH BEST PERSONAL WISHES. SINCERELY, PROFESSOR GEORGE S. BENTON, THE JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY, CHAIRMAN,

COMMITTEE ON ATMOSPHERIC SCIENCES. UNQUOTE ROBINSON

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